



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Safe Boating Week in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, Safe Boating Week in Hawai'i was established to call attention to the State being blessed with a vibrant ocean environment that provides many leisure opportunities for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Safe Boating Week in Hawai'i encourages safe boating practices and even during short expeditions remain extremely important as boaters and non-boaters can be affected by accidents on the water. Each year, lives and property are needlessly lost or damaged in boating accidents, many of which result from a lack of basic knowledge of boating and ocean safety; and

WHEREAS, Safe Boating Week in Hawai'i is directed by numerous government agencies, private groups, and community organizations to educate vessel operators about ocean safety principles by offering safe boating courses, conducting safety displays at harbors and boat ramps, yacht clubs, and shopping centers, examining boats for safety equipment, and taking part in other activities to keep Hawaiian waters safe; and

WHEREAS, Safe Boating Week in Hawai'i calls attention to the importance for all persons to know that life jackets help save lives when properly worn, and carrying the proper safety equipment on board a vessel, which includes a VHF radio or EPIRB, can save lives as well; and

WHEREAS, Safe Boating Week in Hawai'i encourages family and friends to enjoy our ocean and inland waters and be mindful of safe boating practices;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2011 as

"SAFE BOATING WEEK IN HAWAI'I"

and urge all boaters to wear a life jacket, carry a VHF radio, obtain safe boating education, have a Vessel Safety Check, utilize the services of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the organizations of the U.S. Power Squadron, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the U.S. Coast Guard in practicing safe boating in the commitment to use our waters safely.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of May, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i